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*Report from Cartagena—Sanitary measures adopted to prevent introduction of plague—Rat destruction.*

Consul Manning reports, May 30:

The presence of bubonic plague in La Guaira and other ports of Venezuela has caused a general awakening in Cartagena to the necessity of proper sanitary precautions to prevent introduction of the disease.

With this object the authorities of Cartagena and the commercial houses have taken up the cause of sanitation and are acting as rapidly and with as much vigor as possible. Under the general direction of the sanitary inspector of ports the municipality has organized various commissions, charged with the carrying out of measures. A sanitary police corps has been organized, house-to-house inspection is being made, and all refuse and trash are carted away and destroyed. A temporary garbage crematory has been erected on the point at Boca Grande, where this class of waste from the city is being burned.

The instructions to the sanitary police are being carried out as fully as possible. Lazarettoes will be provided outside the zone of danger from the infection reaching the city to which any suspicious cases are to be taken, should such appear, and it is the intention of the health authorities to isolate any future cases of yellow fever or smallpox. Of the former, I am satisfied that no cases have appeared here since my arrival in June, and I have heard of no smallpox reported in the city.

For further protection against plague a campaign against rats, mice, and bats will be necessary. The latter are very plentiful, inhabiting the underground passages of the old forts Castillo de San Felipe, San Sebastian, and others, as well as unoccupied houses. With a view to the destruction of rodents the use of rat traps, rat poisons, and other plans are being adopted as rapidly as possible.

COSTA RICA.

*Report from Limon, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports:

Week ended June 13. Estimated population, 6,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
June 7	Buenos Aires .....	Ponce .....	120	37	170
7	San Jose .....	Boston .....	47	9	0
8	Prinz Aug. Wilhelm .....	New York .....	132	122	8
10	Nicoya .....	do .....	51	1	0
11	Preston .....	New Orleans .....	35	0	28
11	Origen .....	do .....	25	8	0
12	Reventazon .....	New York .....	53	1	0
13	Hispania .....	Mobile .....	20	0	0
13	Bluefields .....	New Orleans .....	24	1	0

Two bills of health for Panaman ports were viséed and twenty-four certificates issued to passengers bound for Colon.